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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Keep the Faith & Bear the Fruit of the Spirit**

CLERGY

Rector/Curate	Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min.
Assistant Curate	Revd. Fr. Mark Jones
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Mrs. Merle Thomas
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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Our congregational meeting last week Sunday, elected two Lay Representatives to Synod and twelve members to form a new church committee. They are tasked to implement our decision to complete the electrical network, the infrastructure work for the church to be painted, effect major work on the organ, implement a sustainable maintenance of the cemetery, and give a visual face lift of the outside of the church are the major items. The cost will require a portion of our Endowment Funds on special deposit at Church House and a loan from the Diocese to meet the expenditure for these projects. They will also see to the administration and management of our church and place a timeline for the implementation on our Strategic Plan.

After thirteen years of providing Pastoral Leadership as a presbyter and pastor of our church, I have found ministry at St. Andrew's to be increasingly challenging. A major issue that stands out very clearly is the collective reluctance by some **not** all, to see that every aspect of the mission of God that we engaged, must be deliberately directed by the Holy Spirit. At times we get side tracked by unnecessary distractions and lose focus on the living presence of the Risen Christ and our Father God's persistent love to save humanity from self-centeredness and the narcissistic inclination of the heart of the soul. If we are to focus more on how we feel without any intention of being transformed by the Holy Spirit as we assemble, then our worship can loss its vitality. **"The consequence of losing the sense of Christ's presence in and among us here and now has changed the vital fellowship of believers into an institution; and the institution rather than radiating the presence of the Spirit, often shields us from it. Forgetting the presence among us has produced lifeless gatherings of the baptized with neither vision nor passion for their mission."** (Imagining a Church in the Spirit: A Task for Mainline Congregations, Ben Campbell and Glen McDonald) As we pray and sing there must be an awareness and consciousness that we are opening ourselves, at the depth of our hearts, to encounter the presence of the Holy God, so that we can live and radiate Jesus shaped lives.

Salvation by grace remains the corner stone of the gospel which asserts, that we are incapable of saving ourselves and to qualify to enter the kingdom of God by our own efforts. All our actions and words as baptized disciples of Jesus must be directed towards the agenda of God which Jesus proclaimed; "Seek first the Kingdom". This must be our constant focus as we witness to the saving grace of the gospel to foster forgiveness of our sins, healing, reconciliation, and peace.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today,

A Daily Spiritual Discipline for Intentional Discipleship

Lectio Divina: A slow reading of a portion of scripture, as in each word or phrase we can hear the Lord speaking to us in His inspired word.

(Acts 8:26-40)

Meditation: A reflection on the word, as we deliberately focus, center our thoughts and abide in the word. From this encounter we receive a message, a word or thought to carry with us throughout the day (Ps.19:14)

Prayer of the heart: In the prayer of the heart we open ourselves in praise and adoration as we bask in the light of God's presence. It is here that we unmask more of our ego, the false self and let it diminish and wither through the cleansing light of the Holy Spirit for us to experience the true self, known only to God. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Mat. 5:8)

Prayer of Supplication: In simple words express to the Lord all your personal issues, concerns and how you are feeling. Then listen for the voice of the Lord.

Close with the Lord's Prayer and the prayer of 2 Corinthians 13: 14.

APPOINTMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2020/2021

The following were elected and appointed to office:-

Mrs. Ruby Anderson	- Rector's Warden
Dr. Nigel Elliott	- People's Warden
Mrs. Tanya Watson-Francis	-Treasurer
Mrs. Twanya Sutherland	- Church Secretary
Mr. Sterling Soares	- Lay Rep. to Synod
Mrs. Pauline Green	- Lay Rep. to Synod
Mr. Fountain Jones	- Alternate Lay Rep. to Mr. Sterling Soares
Mrs. Sandra Watson	- Alternate Lay Rep. to Mrs. Pauline Green
Mr. Dwayne McKenzie	- Representative to Deanery Council
Mr. Norman Davis	
Mrs. Donna Evelyn	
Mr. Adam West	
Mr. Douglas Folkes	
Mr. Gordon Lawrence	

The following ex-officio members were also included on the Church Committee by virtue of their Diocesan office:-

Hon. Dr. Vincent Lawrence	- Member	- Incorporated Lay Body
Mr. Alvaro Casserly	- Member	- Incorporated Lay Body
Hon. Mike Fennell	- Chairman	- Diocesan Financial Board

The Prayer of Intercession

Leader: We give you thanks for the light that is revealed to us in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, enlighten your church were its vision is dim and the light of the gospel is nearly gone out. We pray for spiritual renewal, for an increase in vision and hope. We remember all who are prophets and visionaries today. We pray for the clergy, Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Mark, Craig, Claude, Andrea and all church workers.

The Lord is our hope.

All: God is our joy and strength

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for our nation and leaders; for Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; members of Parliament and all members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice and safeguard our human rights. May the world come to know Jesus Christ as the one who saves and heals.

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Leader: Lord, direct all who are seeking to improve the world. We pray for peace-makers, for relief agencies, for all involved in scientific research, for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that the poor may receive what is needful for their welfare. We pray for the victims of economic injustice and social iniquity. The Lord is our hope.

All: God is our joy and strength

Leader: We give thanks for all who led us to you, all who shared their insight and knowledge, all who kept the lamp of faith burning. We pray for the new members of the Church Committee. We pray for those who have maintained the church, for those who have been accepting and understanding.

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All: God is our joy and strength

Leader: We pray for all who have entered into weakness, into sadness or into trouble this week, all who have been injured in accidents, those suffering from a stroke or paralysis, all on a life-support machine at this time. We pray for the afflicted, the perplexed, the persecuted and all who feel forsaken.

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Leader: Lord, we rejoice that the afflicted will know affection, the perplexed will discover your purpose, the persecuted will come to your peace, the forsaken will be enfolded in love, in the fullness of your kingdom.
The Lord is our hope.

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Leader: We give thanks that you heal and renew your people, we remember loved ones who have been changed into glory, remembering especially today...
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All: God is our joy and strength

Silence May Be Kept

All: Lord God, you are almighty; in your great power renew, refresh and restore us, that we may live and work to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

Intentional Discipleship Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened Your church to hear again, the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say ‘Yes’ to his call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of our lives to his service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray. **Amen.**

Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Egbert Robertson (Priest)	Hortense James	Marion Phillip
Ernle Gordon (Priest)	Ivy Walters	Pauline Fraser
Ellonia Gordon	Myrtle Gordon	Fred Robertson
Heron Wright	Ilene Thomas	Neville Hendricks

IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY 2020

Deanery Day	Sunday February 9, 2020
Sigma Run (Clifton Boys Home)	Sunday February 16, 2020
Ash Wednesday - The Liturgy	Wednesday February 26, 2020

Did you know that?

The temple, at which Jesus was presented in Jerusalem, was a magnificent building. Solomon had it built in about 960 B.C., but it was completely destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. The Persians allowed the Jews to rebuild it in 516 B.C. Around the time of Jesus, many additions were made to it by King Herod and others, but it was destroyed by the Romans a short time later, in 70 A.D. Today the Islamic Dome of the Rock stands where the Temple once stood.

(David Howard & Gary Burge; Fascinating Bible Facts, 1997).

Quote for Reflection

God does not accept us based upon the works, but upon the heart. Quarrelling does nothing, but causes us to appear foolish, because we destroy our witness of love and Christ's shining light when we appear as one overcome by the very darkness we are striving to avoid. We should never forget that we belong to Christ, and so we are to present ourselves as a living sacrifice to God, in which the lives we live demonstrates a commitment to walking in the way of Christ, in spite of the desires of the flesh.

(J.T. Johnson; Grace Triumphs Over Law, 2014),

Question for reflection

Can you bring Christ's love and affection into your everyday conversations?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Feb. 2 - Feb. 8

The Church is open **Monday to Friday**
between **9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer**

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	12:00 p.m.	Midday Reflections at Webster Memorial Church
	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class for Baptism and Confirmation
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5 :00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal

Readings for Feb. 09, 2020: Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Emily Hemmings, Joyce James, William Reeson, Marva Bernard and Heather Stewart 01/02, Julieth Stephenson 02/02, Marie Munroe, Wayne Wright, Dottie Cooke-Francis, Blossom Griffiths and Norma Flash 03/02, Merriel O'Brien 05/02, Babra Archer 06/02, Arlene Bell, Kathryn Thompson and Nicole Davis 08/02.

Congratulations to Iris Johnson who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 1st, and to Ina Robinson who will also celebrate her 100th birthday on February 4th.

Condolence is extended to Janice Sinclair Morgan on the passing of her husband J. Paul Morgan. His funeral service will be on Tuesday February 4th, at 1p.m. The funeral service for Iris Bentley will be on Friday February 7th at 11a.m. The funeral service for Mavis Morgan 's sister Alilean Davidson will be on February 9th in Bog walk.

The St. Andrew Deanery Day will be held at the JC Auditorium on February 9, 2020 at 8 a.m. Kindly contact the Church Office for further information.

SAPC Legal Advisory will meet on Saturday, February 8th in the Courthouse from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

We are seeking applicants to fill the position of Property Manager, with a reliable motor vehicle. Interested persons should submit applications by February 14, 2020 to standrewch@cwjamaica.com.

Between October and December our Harvest Supper will be the ONLY Fund Raising event for our Church.

The St. Andrew Deanery Sunday School Festival will be May 17, 2020

Please remember to take your non-perishable items for the Dorcas Basket /Tuesday Charity Ministry.

All Organization are being asked to contact the Church Office before planning and organizing Fund Raising activities.

The 150th Anniversary of the Dis-establishment of the Anglican Church in Jamaica will be celebrated on June 14, 2020 at the National Arena.

There is an on-going Coin Collection Drive of the Sunday School. Please remember to carry your coins to Church and place them in the new bright gold coin collection receptacle at the back of the Church.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 2, 2020 - Year A

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6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Reading Malachi 3: 1 - 4 Patrick Palmer
Psalm 24:7-10 (pg.496) Refrain "The Lord of Host is the King of Glory"
Second Reading Hebrews 2:14 -18 Dawn Edwards -Taylor
Gospel Luke 2: 22 - 40
Sermon Rev. Canon Siranno Kitson
Prayer of Intercession Form H BCP page-120

8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 363 Angel– Voices, Ever Singing
First Reading Malachi 3: 1- 4 Patrick Atkinson
Psalm 24:7-10 (BCP page 496)
Second Reading Hebrews 2:14 - 18 Dawn Ruddock
Gradual 366 Fairest Lord Jesus (Children Leave for S/S)
Gospel Luke 2: 22 - 40
Sermon Rev. Canon Siranno Kitson
Creed Hymn 561
Prayer of Intercession Page 4-5
Offertory Hymn 251 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
During Communion 25,577,514
Sunday School We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder
2nd Collection 728 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Recessional 348 The Church's One Foundation

10:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional 363 Angel - Voices, Ever Singing
Venite BCP page 36
Psalm 24:7-10 (pg.496) Refrain "The Lord of Host is the King of Glory"
First Reading Malachi 3:1 - 4
Benedictus BCP page 40
Second Reading Luke 2: 22 - 40
Hymn 366 Fairest Lord Jesus
Sermon Nicola Elliott
Hymn 3 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Recessional 348 The Church's One Foundation

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist